

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

**Claim 1** (Original) A fuel vapor storage canister comprising:

    a canister having a vapor storage chamber of variable volume;

    a partition that is movable within the canister and which partially defines the vapor storage chamber;

    a vapor adsorbing material in the vapor storage chamber; and

    a volume compensator comprising a spring having at least three legs that are deflected by and exert pressure against the movable partition to control the volume of the vapor storage chamber.

**Claim 2** (Original) A fuel vapor storage canister as claimed in claim 1, wherein the legs of the spring are spaced apart to exert balanced pressure against the partition.

**Claim 3** (Cancelled)

**Claim 4** (Currently amended) A fuel vapor storage canister as claimed in claim 1, wherein the spring said at least three legs comprises a first pair of opposing legs and a second pair of opposing legs, wherein the first pair of opposing legs possesses a first spring rate and the second pair of opposing legs possesses a second spring rate.

**Claim 5** (Original) A fuel vapor storage canister as claimed in claim 1, wherein the spring is formed from a unitary member.

**Claims 6-8** (Cancelled)

**Claim 9** (Currently amended) A method of assembling a fuel vapor storage canister comprising the steps of:

    providing a canister having a vapor storage chamber of variable volume;

providing a partition that is movable within the canister and which partially defines the vapor storage chamber;

providing a vapor adsorbing material in the vapor storage chamber;

providing a volume compensator comprising a spring having at least three legs; and

positioning the spring inside the canister ~~but outside of the vapor storage chamber~~ such that ~~the legs of the spring are is~~ deflected by and exerts pressure against the movable partition to control the volume of the vapor storage chamber.

**Claims 10-15** (Cancelled).

**Claim 16** (New) A fuel vapor storage canister as claimed in claim 1, wherein said at least three legs comprise a first pair of opposing legs and a second pair of opposing legs.

**Claim 17** (New) A fuel vapor storage canister comprising:

a canister having a vapor storage chamber of variable volume;

a partition that is movable within the canister and which partially defines the vapor storage chamber;

a vapor adsorbing material in the vapor storage chamber; and

a volume compensator comprising first and second band springs each having a pair of opposing legs, the first and second band springs being angularly offset from one another to exert balanced pressure against the partition.